A.—The information asked for is not readily available and its compilation would take a considerable time. The following statement shows the total extent of land reserved for assignment and assigned to depressed classes in the several districts up to 31st December 1920 :—

Serial number and district.	Area of fields reserved. (In acres.)	Area of fields assigned. (In acres.)
1. The Nilgiris	181·37	..
2. Chittoor	7,070·99	404·04
3. Ramnad	1,392·15	3·29
4. Tanjore	332·86	..
5. Bellary	18,107·45	1,221·51
6. Vizagapatam	27·90	2·66
7. Guntūr	28,508·91	6,473·57
8. North Arcot	13,220·09	207·18
9. Anantapur	86,204·85	942·70
10. Nellore	27,942·35	1,736·75
11. Tinnevelly	2,592·46	139·72
12. South Arcot	21,298·07	148·97
13. Coimbatore	9,998·25	293·48
14. Kistna	20,660·07	787·26
15. Madura	Nil.	140·37
16. Salem	19,045·29	192·29
17. Trichinopoly	19,545·21	78·38

The instructions issued on the subject by the Government are those contained in the note under paragraph 9 (2) of Board's Standing Order No. 15. The matter continues to engage the close attention of the Commissioner of Labour who obtains quarterly returns from Collectors.

Subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary after the creation of a separate Secretariat.

488 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu : To ask the Hon'ble the Finance Member for a statement of the subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary to the Government after the creation of a separate Secretariat for Finance and whether there has been any reduction to the establishments of the Chief Secretariat in consequence of the constitution of the separate Secretariat for Finance.

A.—A list of the principal subjects dealt with by the Chief Secretary to Government since the appointment of a separate Secretary for Finance is laid on the table*; it is only provisional at present.

A separate Finance Secretariat has not yet been constituted; the former establishment of the Chief Secretary with some additions deals with the Financial part of the Finance Secretary's work.

Loan for housing evicted Panchamas of Mottucheri in the city.

489 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Local Self-Government whether—

(*a*) the Corporation of Madras applied for a loan of Rs. 30,000 for the construction of 100 tenements for the evicted Panchamas of Mottucheri in the Madras City, and, if so, what orders were passed by the Government thereon ; and

* Vide Appendix I on page 1024 infra.

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(*b*) the Government received representations from the residents of other cheris in the city to secure for them permanent occupancy rights, and, if so, from what cheris, and what orders have been passed in each case.

A.—(*a*) The Corporation was informed that the Government were unable to sanction any loan for the purpose and that the Corporation might raise the loan in the open market.

(*b*) Memorials have been received from the inhabitants of Hall's Gardens, Thousand Lights, Flowers Road and Thundu cheris. The Commissioner of Labour has been directed to arrange proper terms with the landlords and, if this is not possible, to submit proposals for acquisition in all cases in which eviction is contemplated of tenants from the sites of which they have been in occupation for a long period and in which they have made substantial improvements.

Report of Collector of Bellary on season, etc., and that of Mr. Buckley.

490 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue to lay on the table the several reports of the Collector of Bellary sent from time to time during the current fasli on the state of the season and the condition of the people in the affected taluks of the Bellary district, and the reports from Mr. Buckley also, if he has sent any.

A.—The reports will be placed on the Editors' Table.

Tiffin-room for Secretariat staff.

491 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : To ask the Hon'ble the Finance Member to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the tiffin-rooms provided for the Secretariat staff were demolished in 1909, when the Council Chamber was constructed ; and

(*b*) whether new rooms have been provided for use of the staff in the place of the old ones demolished, and, if the answer is in the negative, when new rooms are likely to be built.

A.—(*a*) Yes. The tiffin-rooms were demolished about the year 1910 when the new Council Chamber was constructed.

(*b*) No, but the question of a suitable site for the construction of a tiffin-shed has been under consideration for some time past. As however the Military authorities have recently handed over a large block in the Fort for the use of the Secretariat, it is hoped now to provide accommodation for tiffin-rooms within the Fort 'without further building'.

Buckingham canal.

492 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : To ask the Hon'ble the Revenue Member to state the probable income from, and the expenses incurred on, the Buckingham canal during the last ten years.